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Application No. 10/712,107  
Amendment dated November 8, 2006  
Reply to Office Action of August 18, 2006

Docket No.: 0879-0420P

### REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending. Claims 8-11 have been allowed. By this response, claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 are amended. Reconsideration and allowance based on the above amendment and following remarks are respectfully requested.

### Allowable Claims

Claims 8-11 have been allowed and claims 2, 4 and 5 have been stated as allowable. Applicants note that claims 2, 4 and 5 have been amended into independent form by including features of independent claim 1. Accordingly, claims 2, 4 and 5 are now in condition for allowance.

### Prior Art Rejection

The Office Action rejects claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Yuyama et al. (USP 5,612,732) in view of Soltesz et al. (USP 5,756,978), Slaughter, III et al. (USP 5,598,536) and Landis et al. (USP 5,588,148); claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Yuyama et al., Soltesz et al., Slaughter, III et al., Landis et al. and Uchida et al. (USP 5,640,253) and claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Yuyama et al., Soltesz et al., Slaughter, III et al., Landis et al., Uchida et al. and Yamada (JP05323705). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite, *inter alia*, a storage device for storing owner identification information and user identification information; an information reader for reading identification information from an external storage medium, the read identification information

being different from the owner identification information and set as the user identification information; a communicating device for communicating with a server through a network, the server being designated in accordance with the read identification information. Applicant respectfully submits the above features are not taught by the applied references.

Neither of the applied references teach or suggest storing user identification information and owner identification information in which a server is designated based on the particular information of the user or owner.

Applicant respectfully submits that Yuyama teaches a portable image apparatus which captures and stores images and includes a memory slot for inserting a removable memory. Yuyama, however, does not teach or suggest reading identification information stored in an external memory nor does it store user identification information and owner identification information separately and connect to a server in accordance with one of those identification information.

Soltesz teaches a cash/credit card register which reads information from a credit card regarding the owner of the credit card. The personal information on the credit card is displayed on the machine to allow the attendant of the cash/credit card register to view the personal information and identify the user of the credit card and the credit card account. The cash/credit card register, however, does not store user identification information and owner identification information and designate a server based on the information.

Slaughter teaches an access server for which a user on a remote terminal may access using an identification string that identifies the user. The user accesses the appropriate database based on his particular identity associated with the identification string. Slaughter's system is

not designed to designate a particular server based on the input from the user. The identification information is not obtained from an external storage medium nor does the system store these user identification information and owner identification information separately.

Finally, Landis teaches a system for transferring data between computers. A client profile is used to determine whether replacement data is necessary when the data sets transferred between computers is determined not to be completed. The system does not store user identification information or owner identification information separately and designate a server based on the identification information.

Thus, the combination of Yuyama, Soltesz, Slaughter III, and Landis does not teach or suggest the above features of the independent claim 1. Further, Uchida and Yamada fail to remedy the deficiencies of Yuyama, Soltesz, Slaughter III, and Landis. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

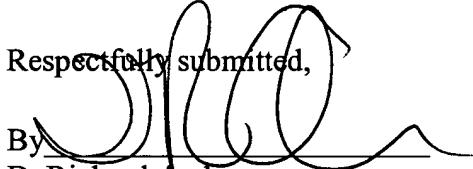
For at least the reasons above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-11 are distinguishable over the cited art. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings Reg. No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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